

FORWARD TO VICTORY.

Democrats Feel Certain That Bryan Will Be the Next President.

Predict Overwhelming Majorities for Him in the "Doubtful" States.

In Illinois, They Assert, He Will Come to Cook County with 50,000 Votes to Spare.

SAY OHIO WILL GO AGAINST M'KINLEY.

Figures Reported from Indiana, Iowa and Michigan Indicate That Not Even Republican Money Can Change the Result in Those States.



Chicago, Oct. 25.—At Republican headquarters perfect confidence is apparently felt that McKinley will be elected. Republicans are still claiming that he will receive at least 800 electoral votes, and they have hopes that the total will approximate more than 2,000.

These states are careful poll has been taken and after making radical deductions from the figures reported, the majorities are such that Democrats believe no use of money on the part of the Republicans can change the result.

The desperate situation of the Republican organization in Michigan is shown by the fact that their recently completed poll of the State shows a majority of about 7,000.

THE REINCARNATION OF SOL BERLINER.

He Modestly Tells of the Reasons Which Led Him to Re-enter Politics—Burdens of the Republican Party Rest on His Shoulders.

The doors of the Fifth Avenue Hotel swing open, there is a brief commotion and amid the murmurs of the onlookers a dapper young man sweeps proudly into the corridor. To the right and to the left he waves an urban greeting. Every one seems to know him, for every face is illumined with a smile as he approaches.

With head erect and chest thrown out he walks the length of the corridor and disappears into the Republican headquarters.

It is Sol Berliner.

The writer divides the question which is about to spring to your lips, yet finds it difficult to answer. In the first place Sol is young and in the second place Sol is rich, but beyond that little is known of Sol among ordinary men. He has spent all his life among the big ones of the earth and while, no doubt, Mr. Cleveland or Kaiser Wilhelm know him well, most of those who meet him are only slightly acquainted with him.

He was once a friend of Freddy Gibbs, but that was when Gibbs was a big man in local politics. Since the decline and fall of Gibbs Sol has not, as far as is known, attached himself to any person known to New Yorkers.

Amasa Thornton knows Sol well, yet when you ask him any questions about him, or, in fact, even mention his name, Mr. Thornton's left politics, and you ought to get back.

"All right Mark, I'll try it for a while." And by Jove, boys, it's reincarnated me.

"But they do expect a lot when you give 'em a little. I'd hardly started in when one of the boys wanted me to help him out with the work he had on hand. I tried it for a few days and then I said to him, 'Matty,' says I, 'you get another assistant or I'll die.' Ha! Ha! Ha! He made a kick to the boss, but, bless your soul, the boss would do anything for me."

"By the way, have any of your fellows been out to Canton lately? Well, it's a shame the way we're all neglecting the old man. I spent a day with him last week and he complained that none of the New York boys ever came to see him. I've dropped my friend, T. P., a line and suggested to him to call, but I'll bet he won't do it just to spite me. T. P.'s dead sore on me. Did he ever tell you about the joke I had on him? Well, I guess it wouldn't be right for me to give it away. Tommy's a pretty decent fellow, but, as Harrison once said to me about him, he's mighty stubborn."

"I told him a year ago that McKinley would carry the convention, and advised him to get on the right side. I almost quivered myself with—well, I'm not mentioning any names, but it was one of the big bugs of the country—in trying to do Tom a good turn. 'Sol,' said my friend to me, 'let Matt alone. I'd rather have him against me than for me. What could I do? 'All right, Major,' says I, but all the same I gave Tom another wink. Well, you all know what a narrow escape he had. Why, only the other day Matt Quay said to me—that's an office secret, and I can't let it out."

In this pleasant fashion Sol talked for an hour, and during that time his group of hearers dwindled down to two.

"By the way," he suddenly said, "you fellows haven't seen a messenger boy looking for me around here, have you? I expect an important telegram from the West, and I can't go ahead with an important matter I've got on hand until I get it."

"I expect I'll have to go out to see Mark. He's so unreliable in the matter of telegrams that I can never depend on him. With me and Mark it's a—"

At this juncture a messenger boy approached the group.

"Is Mr. Berliner or Berlingham here?" "Berliner—that's my name," said Sol, taking a letter from the boy.

"Ah," he said, after hastily perusing its contents. "This is worse than I expected. Well, well, boys," and Sol sighed. "A politician's life isn't what it's cracked up to be."

"Say," interrupted the boy, "Glady wants to know of dere's an answer."

A new man of you. You've got this since you

for McKinley, with 30,000 votes unaccounted for. At the lowest Democratic estimate Michigan will give 45,000 majority for Bryan.

Indiana Lost to McKinley.

Indiana has been practically abandoned by the Republicans. Ex-Governor Flower, who has recently completed a tour of the State, informed Mr. Hanna, so it is currently reported, that the State was lost to the gold standard, and that Mr. Bryan's triumph is only a question of majority.

In Iowa twelve hundred precincts show an average gain of thirty-three to the precinct, which would give Mr. Bryan a majority of not less than 45,000 in the State. It is significant that the percentage of changes from Harrison to Bryan maintain the same ratio as indicated in the Chicago Record's test ballot.

"Nothing short of miracle can defeat Mr. Bryan in Ohio," said N. V. Cannon, who has just returned from a tour of the State to-day. "The Republicans have taken three polls of the State, and the best they can figure out is a majority of not less than 25,000 for Mr. Bryan. It is impossible to estimate what our majority will be, but the figures will reach surprising proportions."

McKinley will lose his own State, his Congressional district, his county, his city and his ward.

Big Majority in Illinois.

In Illinois the Democratic managers say Bryan will come Cook County with a majority of not less than 50,000 and that from present indications he will carry Cook County by a good round majority. Every move thus far made by the local Republican managers has proven a boomerang. Noonday meetings of working men addressed by labor leaders and gold standard orators were abandoned after a week's trial.

Coercion is a failure. The "sound money" parade was great in numbers, but lacked enthusiasm. Many of the leading merchants of the city have declared for free silver. As also several of the most eminent preachers and lawyers.

"The situation is improving every hour," say the Democrats, "and is assuming the proportions of a landslide away from Hanna, gold and coercion."

Parade and Gold Standard Meeting.

A gold standard mass meeting, under the auspices of the John Murray Mitchell Campaign Committee, will be held at Cooper Union on Wednesday evening. Judge Henry E. Howell will preside. The speakers include General Horner Porter, Major John Byrne, president of the Democratic Sound Money League of America, Congressman John Murray Mitchell, Frederick Taylor, Captain Jack Crawford, "the Foot Scout," and Congressman Philip B. Low. The doors will open at 7, and from 7 to 8, the hour at which the meeting begins, a band will play patriotic airs.

A person—and a Pennsylvania, too—whose belief in Bryan's success is so strong that this person will wager an amount that will pale the heart-breaking, pocket-wrecking betting of 1892, when Richard Croker and "Mike" Dwyer won together something like \$250,000.

And what is more remarkable still, this person with the Bryan faith and the bank roll to support it is a woman! It is said that the money will be ready at the Astor House to-day to be laid simply as coming from a "party from Pittsburgh."

It is said that the amount may even reach a half million. That is almost double the winnings of Messrs. Croker and Dwyer and at odds of 3 to 1, if successful, would bury the fair enthusiast with money enough to bury her out of sight, besides making a fortune for the commissioner.

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GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SWORDS.

Register Kelly, Who Says Sulzer's Election Is a Foregone Conclusion, Is Willing to Wager 2 to 1 Up to \$5,000 That He Is Right.

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Directions About Voting a Split Ticket.

AMMANY'S campaign for Bryan and Sewall this week will be the hottest ever fought by the organization. One hundred meetings will be held every night in this city. This will mean three meetings every night in each of the thirty-five election districts. Every available hall has been engaged, and almost every corner on the East and West Sides will be utilized by the cart-tail orators. Four hundred speakers have been enrolled at Tammany Hall, and 100 more will be pressed into service.

Numerous parades will be held in the East and West Side districts. John C. Sheehan will be in command at Tammany Hall from 8 o'clock in the morning until 10 at night; all the district leaders will practically suspend their personal business and will be found in their district headquarters all day and the better part of the night all the week.

"The city is Democratic by 40,000," said John C. Sheehan last night.

Chairman Hanna's statement that Missouri would go for McKinley was smiled at in the headquarters. Colonel Joseph R. Ricker, of St. Louis, said:

"Missouri is as sure for Bryan as Arkansas. He will receive at least 70,000 plurality."

John W. Bookwalter, of Ohio, showed a letter he received a few days ago from Chairman S. B. Cook, of the Missouri Democratic State Central Committee, part of which was as follows:

We are in good shape in Missouri, and feel very confident we will give 75,000 majority for Bryan. We will elect thirteen and possibly fourteen of our fifteen Congressmen.

Ex-Congressman H. H. Rockwell, of Elmira, said:

"I have been on the stump in twelve agricultural counties in this State, and in all of my political experience I have never known of such enthusiasm for a candidate."

I went, and in many instances their offices were men who have never voted a Democratic ticket. At meetings in Orleans County last week, the leading officers in at this end of the State capricious. People will carry Bryan's strength in the interior."

The State Democratic managers desire to call the attention of voters to the fact that great care must be exercised in marking their ballots, in order to prevent them from being thrown out as defective. Any one who makes a cross opposite the name of the Presidential candidate, which will appear directly above the list of electors, will lose his vote. The safest way is to place a cross in the circle under the party emblem, a five-pointed black star. In this city last year 10,285 defective ballots were thrown out.

The best way to vote a "split ticket" is to make no cross in the circle at the top, but to make one after the name of each candidate for whom you desire to vote.

A copy of the opinion of Deputy Attorney General Frank W. Parsons has been received by Chairman Danforth. In discussing the identification cards issued to every one who registered, Mr. Parsons said:

"In my judgment the losing of a certificate of registration will not preclude the person registered from voting."

This week final rallies will be held all along the line by the Young Democracy, led by former Sheriff James O'Brien. All day yesterday the headquarters in the St. Cloud Hotel were crowded with workers of the organization, who brought encouraging news.

One man reported